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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Makoto NAGATA, et al.

Serial No.: 09/977,994

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: Group Art Unit: 2857

: Examiner: Jeffrey R. West

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ANALYZING A SOURCE CURRENT WAVEFORM IN A SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

Mail Stop RCE/Preliminary Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

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No additional fee is required.

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Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

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Also attached: Request for Continued Examination

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	12	20	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	4	4	0	\$86.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
RCE					\$770.00
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Respectfully submitted,

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**REQUEST  
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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

**TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/977,994
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First Named Inventor	Makoto NAGATA, et al.
Group Art Unit	2857
Examiner Name	Jeffrey R. West
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(f) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 500417.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) **\$770.00**
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other (additional claims, etc.)
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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Signature		Date	October 8, 2003

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION**

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